

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 354

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to commend Russell Clayton for his honorable and astute service to the people of Chester County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Russell Clayton of Chester County is one such dedicated servant leader, a man of ability and integrity in the public sector who has served with distinction as Chester County Commissioner, 3rd District, for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clayton serve his country bravely in the Tennessee Army National Guard from 1964 to 2002, retiring as a First Sergeant in the 194th Engineer Brigade; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of his community, Russell Clayton was first elected to serve the Chester County Commission in September 2010 and recently took his much-deserved retirement from that august body, having served on several committees, including the budget and purchasing committees, and acting concurrently as the Chester County Veterans Service Officer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clayton's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his family, Russell Clayton is fortunate to share the love and support of his wife of fifty-six years, Joyce Clayton; his two daughters, Debbie (Kermit) Lofton and Dana (David) Shores; and his five grandchildren, Drew, Alex, Jackson, Elise, and Clayton; and

WHEREAS, Russell Clayton is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Russell Clayton for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Chester County, salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.